

CITY OF LEWISTON

CITY COUNCIL

MAY 6, 1997

6:00 P.M. BUDGET WORKSHOP

THE HONORABLE JOHN T. JENKINS, MAYOR, PRESIDING.

PRESENT: Councilors Lynch, Kelly, Gray, Albert, Samson, Bilodeau, Putnam, City Administrator Robert J. Mulready, and City Clerk Gerald P. Berube.

City Administrator Robert Mulready reviewed the status of the proposed budget minus the adjustments being proposed. Mr. Mulready compared budget figures with previous years. He advised Councilors that overtime has decreased from 10.10% of payroll in 1990 to 7.43% of payroll in the present budget for a savings of \$162,790.00. Workers Compensation has decreased from \$1,600,000.00 in 1994 to \$553,517.00 in fiscal year 1998 for a total decrease of \$1,046,483.00. The workforce has also decreased by 47.5 personnel since 1991.

After a brief discussion and comments from the public the following action was taken.

VOTE (1)

Motion by Councilor Putnam, seconded by Councilor Bilodeau:

That the proposed 1997-98 Fiscal Year Department of Education Budget be amended by reducing the proposed allocation of \$28,338,821.00 by \$132,000.00 for a total allocation of \$28,206,821.00. Passed - Vote 7-0

VOTE (2)

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Samson:

That the proposed 1997-98 Fiscal Year Budget be amended as recommended by the City Administrator as follows:

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
REVENUES:	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	+100,000.00
State Reimbursement Truck Excise (New account)	+10,000.00
State Revenue Sharing	+230,000.00
Solid Waste Tipping Fees	-20,000.00
Senior Citizens	-1,000.00
Chapel Street Parking Garage	+1,500.00
TOTAL REVENUE ADJUSTMENTS	+320,500.00

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Economic Development	
Donation - LAEGC	+3,400.00
Finance/Purchasing	
Salaries (Reduce Account Clerk to Part-Time)	-2,606.00
Finance/Central Services	
Salaries (Reduce Account Clerk to Part-Time)	-2,606.00
Finance/Data Processing	
Printing Services	-1,500.00
Office Equipment	-2,350.00
Development/Planning	
Telephone	-500.00
Miscellaneous Services	-200.00
Office Equipment	-540.00
Police/Patrol	
Salaries -Vacation O.T.	-5,000.00
Fire/Administration	
Office Equipment	-2,190.00
Fire/Firefighting	
Salaries (2 privates ½ year)	+30,000.00
Repairs to Vehicles	-7,500.00
Fire Communications	
Repairs to Equipment	-310.00
Development/Protective Inspection Administration	
Office Equipment	-2,160.00
Development/Building Inspection	
Subscription - Software	-500.00
Development/Land Use Inspection	
Small Tools	-100.00
Public Works/Highway	
Salaries O.T.	-24,000.00
Public Works/Solid Waste Disposal	
Testing Services	-17,000.00
Other Betterments - Concrete Floor	-30,000.00
General Assistance/Administration	
Salaries - Adjustment to Sr. Principal Clerk	+1,246.00
Recreation/Administration	
Telephone	+900.00
Repairs to Vehicles	+1,300.00
Recreation/Programs	
Vehicle Rental	+500.00
Recreation/Facilities	
Equipment - Fork Lift Attach	-1,000.00
Lincoln Street Pool Ramp	-4,000.00
Urban Development	
LMRC	-20,000.00

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Tax Sharing/Auburn
Fixed Charges

-4,900.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURE - ADJUSTMENTS

-51,616.00

TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS

372,116.00

Passed - Vote 7-0

VOTE (3)

Motion by Councilor Lynch, seconded by Councilor Samson:

To approve a donation in the amount of \$2,000.00 for the Lewiston-Auburn travel football team for the purpose of purchasing equipment and uniforms for 30 football players and 10 cheerleaders. Passed - Vote 5-2
Councilors Albert and Putnam opposed.

REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:20 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Moment of Silence.

VOTE (4)

Motion by Councilor Samson, seconded by Councilor Bilodeau:

To dispense with the reading of the minutes of the meetings of April 1,8,10,11,15,22 and 29, 1997, and to accept and place them on file as prepared by the City Clerk.
Passed - Vote 7-0

PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE TO CONDITIONALLY REZONE THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 218-226 RIVER ROAD

The ordinance to conditionally rezone the property located at 218-226 River Road having had passage on first reading at the meeting of April 15, 1997, received its second reading at this time.

VOTE (5)

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Samson:

That the ordinance conditionally rezoning the properties at 218-226 River Road, for the purpose of establishing an auto repair garage, has final passage by a ye and nay vote.
Passed - Vote 7-0

**PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 1997-98 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**

The City Council reviewed the recommendations from the Planning Board to amend the Community Development Block Grant Budget. These adjustments are as a result of the request from the City Council at its meeting of April 15th.

A brief discussion was held on funding for the head start program, Hope Haven, St. Martin de Porres and the downtown. After hearing all who wished to speak on the proposed program the following action was taken.

VOTE (6)

Motion by Councilor Samson, seconded by Councilor Bilodeau:

To accept the recommendation of the Planning Board that the Community Development Block Grant Budget adopted by the City Council on April 15, 1997 be amended as follows:

<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDATION</u>	<u>AMENDED RECOMMENDATION</u>
Androscoggin Head Start	\$64,878.00	\$66,878.00
Androscoggin Home Health	23,000.00	22,000.00
Hope Haven Family Shelter	0.00	7,500.00
LA Arts	6,000.00	9,000.00
Lewiston School Dept.	12,000.00	0.00
St. Martin de Porres	0.00	7,500.00
CD Administration	184,400.00	179,400.00
50/50 Commercial Rehab	25,000.00	50,000.00
Downtown Improvement	110,000.00	135,000.00
Historic Preservation	2,500.00	500.00
Bates Mill Redevelopment	400,000.00	380,000.00
Housing Rehab Loan Prog.	50,000.00	0.00
Residential Street Rehab	0.00	20,000.00

Passed - Vote 7-0

VOTE (7)

Motion by Councilor Lynch, seconded by Councilor Albert:

To approve the 1997-1998 final statement of Community Development objectives and the following projected use of funds:

PUBLIC SERVICE ACTIVITIES

A.W.A.P.	\$4,000.00
American Red Cross Disaster Relief	5,000.00
Androscoggin Head Start/Childhood Enrichment	66,878.00
Androscoggin Home Health/Lewiston Home Care	22,000.00
Area IV Mental Health Coalition	1,200.00
Big Brothers/Big Sisters	1,725.00
Big Brothers/Big Sisters Mentoring Program	1,500.00
Catholic Charities of Maine/Fellowship House	4,000.00
Catholic Charities of Maine/S.E.A.R.C.H.	5,100.00
Child Health Center/Kid's Korner	2,625.00
Hope Haven Emergency Shelter	4,000.00
Hope Haven Family Shelter Building	7,500.00
LA Arts	9,000.00
Lewiston Auburn Transit Committee (LATC)	15,000.00
MPC After School Program	13,000.00
Norwich House	10,000.00
Pathways Day Care	14,125.00
Pathways Workplace	14,250.00
Sexual Assault Crisis Center	1,250.00
St. Martin de Porres Residence	7,500.00
Tri-County Family Services	3,000.00
Trinity Episcopal Church Meals Program	10,000.00
Y.W.C.A. Intervention	4,000.00

SUBTOTAL \$226,653.00

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

50/50 Commercial Rehab Program	\$50,000.00
Downtown Improvement Program	135,000.00
Historic Preservation Review Board	500.00
LAEGC	50,000.00
Bates Mill Redevelopment	380,000.00
Pathways Extended Employment	10,000.00
Trinity Episcopal Church - Jobs Program	8,000.00
Women's Business Development	1,500.00

SUBTOTAL \$635,000.00

HOUSING REHAB

Code Enforcement	\$65,394.00
Rehab Office	55,500.00

SUBTOTAL \$120,894.00

NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENTS/ PUBLIC WORKS

PACE (Community Oriented Policing)	\$8,000.00
Residential Street Rehab	20,000.00
Downtown Street Rehab	20,000.00
Sidewalk Rehab/Handicap Ramp	25,000.00
Sunnyside Drainage Imp.	40,000.00

SUBTOTAL	\$113,000.00
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PARKS AND RECREATION

Teen Drop-In Program	\$7,500.00
Couture Center Playground/Pool Rehab	6,500.00

SUBTOTAL	\$14,000.00
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ADMINISTRATION & PLANNING

C.D. Administration	\$179,400.00
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SUBTOTAL	\$179,400.00
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Contingency 53

TOTAL OF ALL PROGRAMS	\$1,289,000.00
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PROGRAM INCOME

50/50 Housing Rehabilitation	\$75,000.00
50/50 Commercial Rehabilitation	40,000.00
Economic Stimulus Loan Pool	190,000.00

SUBTOTAL	\$305,000.00
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TOTAL	\$1,594,000.00
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Pursuant to Section 570.200 of the Federal Register, all of these projects and activities must either principally benefit low and moderate income persons, or aid in prevention or elimination of slums and blight, or meet other community development needs having a particular urgency. All proposed projects and activities are intended to principally benefit low and moderate income persons. The Proposed Statement is published in accordance with the Housing and Community Development Act, 24 CFR 570.301.
Passed - Vote 7-0

VOTE (8)

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Kelly:

To authorize submission of the 1997-98 Final Statement of Community Development Objectives and Projected Use of Funds, including all understanding and assurances contained therein, for the City's allocation under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and to direct and designate Robert J. Mulready, City Administrator, as the authorized representative of the City to act in connection with the submission of the Final Statement, and to provide such additional information as may be required.

Passed - Vote 7-0

**PUBLIC HEARING ON AN AMENDMENT TO THE PROMENADE MALL
CONDITIONAL ZONING AGREEMENT**

An amendment to the Promenade Mall Conditional Zoning Agreement received its first reading at this time.

The City Council was advised that the neighbors did not oppose the amendment with the understanding that the storage operations will not be operating beyond the June 30th date.

VOTE (9)

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Albert:

That the ordinance amending the conditional zoning agreement adopted on November 14, 1996, between the City of Lewiston and the Lisbon Street Shopping Trust has passage on first reading by a yea and nay vote. Passed - Vote 7-0

VOTE (10)

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Kelly:

That Section 7(c) of the Rules Governing the City Council be suspended to allow for a second reading at this time.

Passed - Vote 7-0

An amendment to the Promenade Mall Conditional Zoning Agreement received its second reading at this time.

VOTE (11)

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Albert:

That the ordinance amending the conditional zoning agreement

adopted on November 14, 1996, between the City of Lewiston and the Lisbon Shopping Trust has final passage by a ye and nay vote. Passed - Vote 7-0

TOURISM IN THE LEWISTON-AUBURN AREA

Mrs. Rachel Desgrosseilliers and Mr. David Bartlett gave a report for the potential of the Lewiston-Auburn area to draw from the tourist industry. They advised the Council that the L-A area was not included on maps and brochures produced by the State and was requesting their assistance in getting the State to recognize the tourist attractions which the area has to offer.

Members of the Festival de Joie presented plans to erect a Canadian mahogany granite memorial in Heritage Park which would honor all Franco-Americans in the Lewiston-Auburn area. They advised the Council that the size of the monument will depend on the total dollars raised by the Committee for this project.

Members of the Council commended the committee for its work in this area and the following action was taken.

VOTE (12)

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Kelly:

To authorize the Festival de Joie Committee to erect a Canadian mahogany granite memorial in Heritage Park for all Franco-Americans of the Lewiston-Auburn area.

Passed - Vote 7-0

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Council President Frank Kelly and Asst. City Administrator Peter Crichton gave a brief report on five legislative documents which are pending and could have an impact on the City of Lewiston.

VOTE(13)

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Samson:

To authorize the City Clerk to allow Rev. Richard Bolduc and the March for Jesus Campaign to use Kennedy Park between the hours of 11:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. on Saturday, May 17, 1997, for a prayer assembly, subject to the following conditions:

1. Area to be kept properly cleaned by the March for Jesus Campaign.

2. Security, satisfactory to the Police Chief, to be provided at the expense of the March for Jesus Campaign.
Passed - Vote 7-0

VOTE (14)

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded Councilor Gray:

To grant a Special Amusement Permit for Dancing and Entertainment to Chances Pub, 675 Main Street.
Passed - Vote 7-0

VOTE (15)

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Albert:

To go into executive session to discuss negotiations on a worker's compensation settlement. Passed -Vote 7-0

Reconvened into open session.

VOTE (16)

Motion by Councilor Kelly, seconded by Councilor Bilodeau:

To adjourn at 9:37 P.M. Passed - Vote 7-0

A true record, Attest:

Gerald P. Berube, CMC
City Clerk
Lewiston, Maine